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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

References AO (JP 5-13518) on form PTO-1449

An image of probe terminals and an image of electrode pads on a wafer are projected on respective mirrors, and data on the images are acquired (in a camera). Positioning (alignment) between the probe terminals and the electrode pads is executed, with the acquired images being superimposed.

References AO (JP 59-17260) on form PTO-1449

An image of probe terminals and an image of electrode pads on a wafer are photographed. Positioning between the probe terminals and the electrode pads is executed, with the photographed images being superimposed.